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1. FOLLOWING FOR EMBASSY INFORMATION ARE EXCERPTS  
FROM CONGRESSWOMAN HOLTZMAN'S COMMENTS ON NBC TV  
TODAY SHOW AUGUST 26. INTERVIEWER WAS JUDY WOODRUF OF  
NBC.

BEGIN TEXT. WOODRUF : REPRESENTATIVE HOLTZMAN, A NEW  
YORK DEMOCRAT, HAS CHARGED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS  
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BEEN BLOCKING ATTEMPTS TO INVESTIGATE PEOPLE LIVING WITHIN  
THE US WHO ARE SUSPECTED OR ACCUSED OF HAVING BEEN NAZI

WAR CRIMINALS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS SAID IT IS DOING OR WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO EXPEDITE INVESTIGATIONS IN FIELDS WHERE IT HAS RESPONSIBILITY. BUT CONGRESS WOMAN HOLTZMAN WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE IMMIGRATION SUB-

COMMITTEE SAYS THE DEPARTMENT IS GUILTY OF WHAT SHE CALLS CONTINUING FAILURE - - - CAN YOU START BY EXPLAINING THE SITUATION AND HOW IT ALL CAME ABOUT?

HOLTZMAN: WELL, THE PROBLEM BASICALLY IS THIS. THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SOME ALLEGATIONS THAT THERE ARE NAZI WAR CRIMINALS LIVING IN THIS COUNTRY AND THE INS IS BASICALLY

RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCING OUR IMMIGRATION LAWS AND MANY OF THESE PEOPLE IF THEY TURN OUT TO HAVE COMMITTED ATROCITIES AGAINST JEWS AND OTHERS WOULD HAVE VIOLATED THE IMMIGRATION LAWS IN COMING HERE. THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE HAS BEEN ASKING THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ABOUT EIGHTEEN MONTHS TO TRY AND GET SOME INFORMATION FROM SOME FIVE GOVERNMENTS ABOUT THESE ALLEGED NAZI WAR CRIMINALS AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN STALLING. BASICALLY THE GOVERNMENTS THAT INS HAS ASKED FOR INFORMATION FROM IS THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN

EASTERN EUROPE. AND I HAVE WRITTEN TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND ASKED WHY THEY HAVEN'T COOPERATED WITH THE INS AND AFTER TWO MONTHS I GOT A LETTER BASICALLY SAYING THAT THEY WERE COOPERATING BUT ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS AND THE ACTIONS SHOW THAT THEY WERE JUST ENGAGING IN DUPLICATION, DILATORY TACTICS AND NOT TAKING ANY AGGRESSIVE STEPS.

WOODRUF: WHAT CRIMES WERE THESE PEOPLE GUILTY OF?

HOLTZMAN: WELL, THEY HAVEN'T BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY CRIMES YET. THE ALLEGATIONS RANGE FROM BEING INVOLVED WITH CONCENTRATION CAMP ADMINISTRATION TO BEING AN INTERIOR MINISTER UNDER THE NAZIS OR TO ENGAGING IN MASSACRES OF JEWS AND GYPSIES AND THE LIKE.

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WOODRUF: IF THEY HAVEN'T BEEN CONVICTED OF ANYTHING HOW DO WE KNOW THAT WE THINK THEY ARE GUILTY?

HOLTZMAN: WELL, PERSONS HAVE MADE ALLEGATIONS AND IN SOME INSTANCES THEY HAVE FOUND EYE WITNESSES, IN SOME INSTANCES THERE HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTS--TWO PERSONS HAVE BEEN TRIED IN ABSENTIA IN THE SOVIET UNION. SO THERE HAVE BEEN SOME ALLEGATIONS BUT WHETHER THESE ALLEGATIONS TURN OUT TO BE CORRECT IS ANOTHER STORY, BUT IT SEEMS TO

ME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INS AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO TRY TO GET WHATEVER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE SO THAT OUR LAWS CAN BE PROPERLY ENFORCED. AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT UNFORTUNATELY HAS NOT MOVED FORWARD TO OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION.

WOODRUF: WHY DO YOU THINK THEY ARE TAKING THEIR TIME?

HOLTZMAN: WELL, THEY CERTAINLY ARE TAKING A LOT OF TIME. I CAN'T SPECULATE ABOUT MOTIVES BEHIND THIS--PERHAPS IT IS JUST BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE. BUT FOR EXAMPLE IN THE INS IT HAS BEEN ASKING FOR A YEAR AND A HALF, PLEASE HELP US, WE CAN'T GO TO THE SOVIET UNION AND INTERVIEW WITNESSES.

WE CAN'T GO TO ESTONIA AND LATVIA, POLAND, RUMANIA OR YUGOSLAVIA TO TRY TO HELP US OUT. THE STATE DEPARTMENT TURNS A DEAF EAR AND IT IS A VERY DISTURBING THING FOR ME TO SEE, ESPECIALLY SINCE THIS IS THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WWII, AND I THINK THAT IF WEST GERMANY CAN APPROACH SOME OF THESE COUNTRIES FOR INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO ITS CITIZENS THEN CERTAINLY THE STATE DEPARTMENT CAN DO THE SAME THING.

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HOLTZMAN: FROM TIME TO TIME PEOPLE JUST COME FORWARD WITH A FEW MORE NAMES THAT HAVE TO BE INVESTIGATED. SO THAT THE NUMBER THAT WAS GIVEN TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO FIND INFORMATION ABOUT IS FIFTY CASES.

WOODRUF: THE PEOPLE THAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT ARE NECESSARILY GERMANS, ARE THEY?  
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HOLTZMAN: NO, IN FACT MOST OF THE PEOPLE ON THE LIST ARE PERSONS OF EASTERN EUROPEAN ORIGIN.

WOODRUF: HOW THEN IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT GOING TO GO ABOUT GETTING THEIR RESPECTIVE HOME COUNTRIES TO. . .

HOLTZMAN: WELL, THE STATE DEPARTMENT AS I UNDERSTAND IT, SPEAKS QUITE OFTEN TO THE SOVIET UNION, ALSO HAS FAIRLY FREQUENT CONTACTS WITH MANY OF THESE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. IT IS A SIMPLE MATTER IT SEEMS TO ME TO MAKE A REQUEST, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT INS OFFICIALS INTERVIEW POTENTIAL EYE WITNESSES, THAT ANY DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE PERTINENT TO THESE CASES BE MADE AVAILABLE TO AMERICAN OFFICIALS TO INSPECT AND THEN, OF COURSE, OUR PEOPLE GET A CHANCE TO REVIEW WHATEVER EVIDENCE MAY BE AVAILABLE. WE MAY DISCOVER THAT THE EVIDENCE IS USELESS, PHONY OR WE MAY DISCOVER THAT THE EVIDENCE IS PLAUSIBLE AND THAT WE CAN

USE IT TO GO AHEAD AND ENFORCE OUR LAWS APPROPRIATELY.  
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